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Merchants Attack 3A Zoning Pla

By Judith Epstein

Vehement objections erupted Thursday night at the Planning Board's open hearing over an article proposing a change in the zoning by-law governing the Rte. 3A Highway Business district.

Members of the business community violently opposed the changes which would require future business lots to be a minimum 40,000 square feet in area, an increase from the current requirement of 10,000 square feet and in addition increase frontage to 200 feet from 50 feet.

Eric Pearson, owner of Cohasset Motors, questioned the Board's rationale in raising the area and frontage of business lots by four times.

He said he has seen professional plans for 25 years for which thousands of dollars were spent advocating further business development on Rte. 3A.

He questioned in particular the most recent study completed last fall by Roberta Leary, ex-board member and planner, hired to examine alternatives for zoning changes and business growth along Rte. 3A, her qualifica-

tions and why none of the options she proposed were being considered by the board.

Pearson was informed by board member Patricia Facey, that a consultant had been employed to offer development plans, not recommendations.

Facey added that the changes proposed in the article were for future

businesses only, and that new area stipulations wouldn't affect present businesses. The reason given for the amount of increase in area recommended is to limit the number of curb cuts or entrances and exits along the highway, she said.

Robert Dwyer, owner of Dwyer's Cleaners, and Pearson both reacted strongly to the board's reasoning,

pointing to the inevitability of their land and property becoming non-conforming should the article pass by the needed two-thirds vote at Town Meeting, and to what they felt was exclusion of their opinions in the planning of Rte. 3A.

Pearson added that he hadn't seen one public notice for the hearing, nor

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Reed A School Board Candidate

Gerard E. Reed Jr. of 93 Beechwood St. has announced his candidacy for the three-year term on the School Committee.

Reed is married to Peggy Gallahue Reed. They have five children all attending Cohasset Public Schools.

Reed was born and raised in Quincy and lived for a number of years in Weymouth where he served as an elected town meeting member for Precinct 8, an area as large as Cohasset, for seven years.

He went to high school at Archbishop Williams in Braintree and attended St. Michael's College. He received his Master of Education degree at Boston State College. He has taken courses at Harvard, Bridgewater, Boston University and Babson College for a total of 55 hours.

He is a licensed nursing home administrator.

Reed is employed by the Quincy Public Schools as a special needs

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Cohasset Hoopsters



MINI HULA performed by Scout Troop 589 at St. Stephen's Church saw the young ladies really swinging it in Hawaiian fashion.

[Greg Derr photo]

Drama Club Wins Again

Cohasset High School Drama Workshop members were winners at the State Drama Festival semifinals held at Duxbury High School on March 17. The cast will participate in the State Festival at John Hancock Hall in Boston on March 30 and 31.

The entire 11 member cast was named to the all-star cast.

The Drama Workshop performed an excerpt from *Story Theater* the performance which has brought them winning success not only at home but

also at the Emerson College Theatre Arts Festival and, now, in state-wide competition.

Story Theater is an imaginative adaptation of Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales and Aesop Fables, and mixes mime, music and comedy to create a contemporary enactment of ageless stories.

Director Ron Emmons said of the Workshop's recent win, "It's an honor. I am pleased just to get them to

Boston." Emmons noted that last year was the first year they competed and even then made the semifinals.

The Drama Workshop cast includes Kathleen Collins, Beth Donahue, Meri Fink, Jon Foell, David Hanlon, Scot Muir, Lisa O'Toole, Disa Pratt, Judy Vanderlugt, Jim Vivian and Jerry White.

They will compete in the State

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School Land Sought For Sewage Plant

The School Committee met with the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners this week to discuss the proposed site location for a new sewage treatment plant on land originally intended for school purposes.

The Commissioners are requesting at Town Meeting in Article 35, that the Board of Selectmen transfer land originally designated for school purposes to be used for a sewage treatment facility.

This land is located southwesterly of

land owned by the Penn Central Railroad and is bounded by land owned by the South Shore Playhouse Assoc. (Music Circus) and Smith Place.

Chairman of Commissioners John Hobbs described the 10-acre parcel as the best site for the treatment facility. Within this area, he said, the plant could be relocated in future plan modifications. He reminded the Committee that this article would

allow the drawing of further plans and specifications only, not construction.

Hobbs further defended the site as a location that would result in the least inconvenience to the greatest number of residents and that it is the most isolated of all sites considered. He noted that the plant would be 300 feet away from the nearest home.

Representatives Terry Driscoll and

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Gerard Reed